

HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Authorized Capital \$50,000,000
Issued and Fully Paid up \$30,000,000
Reserve Funds—
Sterling \$6,500,000
Silver \$9,500,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors \$30,000,000

HEAD OFFICE: HONG KONG

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:
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HONGKONG SINGAPORE
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HOKKAIDO SUNDAMATAN
JOHORE TAIPEI (Formosa)
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KOWLOON THINOTAD
KUALA LUMPUR YOKOHAMA

Current Accounts opened in Local Currencies and Fixed Deposits received for one year or shorter periods in Local Currency and Sterling or terms which will be quoted on application Hong Kong, 1st April, 1930.

HONG KONG SAVINGS BANK.

The business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained at the Head Office, Hong Kong, 1st April, 1930.

FOR THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

V. M. GRAYBURN, Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 1st July, 1930.

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Surplus Guilders 25,000,000.
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Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

TAN ENG HOI, Manager.

Hong Kong, 1st July, 1930.

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Head Office: 65, Broadway, New York.

Capital U.S.\$30,000,000

Surplus U.S.\$1,672,454

Reserves U.S.\$1,903,209

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* These offices have safe deposit boxes to let.

London Branches: National Provincial Bank Ltd.

Correspondents all over the world

Banking and Exchange business transacted.

A. STOKKINK, Acting Manager.

Hong Kong, 1st August, 1930.

BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE.

HEAD OFFICE: 86, Boulevard Haussmann, Paris.

Subscribed Capital Frs. 72,000,000.00

Paid-Up Capital Frs. 68,400,000.00

Reserve Funds Frs. 102,000,000.00

BRANCHES:

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BANKERS:

IN FRANCE: Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris; Credit Lyonnais;

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Credit Industriel et Commercial; Societe Generale.

IN LONDON: The National Provincial & Union Bank of England, Ltd.; Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris; Credit Lyonnais.

IN NEW YORK: J. P. Morgan & Co.; French American Banking Corporation; Guaranty Trust Co. of New York.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits according to arrangements.

Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.

Safe Deposit Boxes to let.

A. LECOT, Manager.

Hong Kong, 1st May, 1930.

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.

Established 1880.

Capital (fully paid-up) Yen 100,000,000

Reserve Fund Yen 113,500,000

Head Office: YOKOHAMA.

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Fengtien (Mukden) Seattle

Hamburg Semarang

Hankow Shanghai

Harbin Shimonoseki

Hong Kong Singapore

Honolulu Soreabaya

Kai Yuen Sydney

Karachi Tientsin

Kobe Tokyo

London Tsimshau

Los Angeles Tsimshau

Manila Victoria

Nagasaki (Temporarily closed)

Interest allowed on Current Accounts.

Deposits received for fixed periods at rates to be obtained on application.

H. MORE, Manager.

Hong Kong, 10th September, 1930.

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA & CHINA.

Incorporated by Royal Charter, 1853.

HEAD OFFICE: LONDON.

Paid-up Capital £3,000,000

Reserve Fund £4,000,000

Banker Liability of Proprietors £3,000,000

Principals £3,000,000

Agencies and Branches:

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COMPANY MEETINGS

**HONG KONG & SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at City Hall, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 28th February, 1931, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1930.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 16th February to SATURDAY, the 28th February, 1931, (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

V. M. GRAYBURN,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 9th February, 1931.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-THIRD ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of This Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY, the 12th February, 1931, at 11.30 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1930.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 16th February to SATURDAY, the 28th February, 1931, (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

F. H. CRAPNELL,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 2nd February, 1931.

**THE BANK OF EAST ASIA,
LIMITED.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWELFTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, No. 10, Des Voeux Road Central, at 3.00 p.m. on SATURDAY, February 21, 1931, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending December 31, 1930.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, February 14, to SATURDAY, February 21, 1931 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

KAN TONG PO,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, February 4, 1931.

**HUMPHREYS ESTATE &
FINANCE CO., LTD.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, the 24th February, 1931, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1930.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, 16th February to TUESDAY, 24th February, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 9th February, 1931.

**HONG KONG TRAMWAYS,
LIMITED.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING OF HONG KONG TRAMWAYS, LIMITED will be held at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, the 27th day of February, 1931, at 12 o'clock Noon, to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the REGISTER OF MEMBERS of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 13th to FRIDAY, the 27th February, 1931, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

W. F. SIMMONS,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 6th February, 1931.

STANDARD TIMES.

**Sunrise and Sunset in
Colony.**

Sunrise and Sunset in Hong Kong for February 1931, (Standard time of the 120th Meridian, East of Greenwich), are as follows:

Feb.	Sunrise	Sunset
11	6.58	6.18
12	6.57	6.19
13	6.56	6.19
14	6.55	6.19
15	6.56	6.20
16	6.55	6.20
17	6.55	6.21
18	6.54	6.21
19	6.53	6.22
20	6.52	6.22
21	6.52	6.23
22	6.51	6.23
23	6.50	6.24
24	6.49	6.25
25	6.49	6.25
26	6.48	6.25
27	6.47	6.26
28	6.47	6.26

**THE HONG KONG, CANTON &
MACAO STEAMBOAT
COMPANY, LIMITED.**

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, 1, Queen's Building, Victoria, Hong Kong, on THURSDAY, 6th March, 1931, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, and Electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, 20th February, 1931, to THURSDAY, 6th March, 1931, both days inclusive, during which period NO transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

JOHN ARNOLD,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 6th February, 1931.

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HIYE MARU Thursday, 27th March.
LONDON, MARSEILLES, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM via
Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Suez.
YASUKUNI MARU Saturday, 21st February.
HAKONE MARU Saturday, 7th March.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.
KITANO MARU Thursday, 19th February.
ATSUTA MARU Thursday, 26th March.
BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.
† TOKIWA MARU Friday, 27th February.
KAGA MARU Wednesday, 11th March.
SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles,
Mexico & Panama.
HEIYO MARU Thursday, 5th March.
SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape Town & Ports.
KAWACHI MARU Wednesday, 25th February.
NEW YORK, BOSTON via Panama.
† TAKETOY MARU Sunday, 1st March.
LIVERPOOL, via Port Said, Stamboul (Constantinople), Genoa.
† DELAGO MARU Sunday, 15th February.
† YOUNG MARU (calls Saigon) Saturday, 14th March.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.
† BENGAL MARU Sunday, 15th February.
† CALCUTTA MARU Sunday, 1st March.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
† TSURUGA MARU Friday, 13th February.
† LIMA MARU Thursday, 19th February.
ATSUTA MARU (Nagasaki direct) Thursday, 19th February.
FUSHIMI MARU Saturday, 21st February.
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RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES via Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Durban & Capetown.	Hawaii Maru Fri., 6th Mar.
KARACHI & BOMBAY via Singapore, Colombo ...	Honolulu Maru Thurs., 19th Feb.
DURBAN, LOURENCO MARQUES, BEIRA, DARES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR & MOMBASA via Singapore & Colombo.	Shanghai Maru Sat., 14th Feb.
MELBOURNE via Manilla, Batavia & Sydney.	Panama Maru Tues., 3rd Mar.
CALCUTTA via Singapore & Rangoon.	Sydney Maru Fri., 6th Mar.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER via Japan Ports.	Cebes Maru Wed., 18th Feb.
N.Y. via Japan ports, Los Angeles & Panama. Call Direct at Boston, Philadelphia & Baltimore.	Arabia Maru (from Shanghai) Sat., 21st Feb.
JAPAN PORTS (Freight Service).	Hokuroku Maru Thurs., 19th Mar.
HAIKHONG via Hoihow & Paloch (Fortnightly).	Kine Maru Fri., 13th Feb.
KEELUNG via Swatow & Amoy (Every Sunday Noon).	Menado Maru Thurs., 19th Feb.
TAKAO via Swatow & Amoy (Fortnightly).	Deli Maru Thurs., 12th Feb.

For further particulars please apply to:—
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Telephone 2861.

PASSENGER LIST.

DEPARTURES.

Per s.s. President McKinley on February 10:
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KHIVA	9,135	7th Mar.	Marselles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
KHYBER	9,114	14th Mar.	Mars., L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
SOMALI	—	21st Mar.	Marselles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
RAWALPINDI	16,610	28th Mar.	Marselles & London.
KARMALA	9,128	11th Apr.	Mars., L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
RAJPUTANA	16,608	25th Apr.	Marselles & London.
SOUDAN	—	2nd May	Marselles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
KALYAN	9,144	9th May	Mars., L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
CODORIN	15,132	23rd May	Bombay, Marselles & London.
KASHMIR	8,985	6th June	Mars., L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
RANIPURA	16,601	20th June	Bombay, Marselles & London.
KASHGAR	9,005	4th July	M'selles, L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
KHYBER	16,619	18th July	Bombay, Marselles & London.
RAWALPINDI	9,114	1st Aug.	M'selles, L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
RAJPUTANA	16,568	15th Aug.	Bombay, Marselles & London.
KARMALA	9,128	20th Aug.	Marselles & London.
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TALWA	10,000	24th Mar.	Amyo, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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KASHMIR	8,985	8th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Y'hama.
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EMPERESS OF SCOTLAND.

Destruction in Harbour Fire Inevitable.

Blyth (Northumberland), Dec. 6. The total destruction by fire of the old Canadian Pacific liner, the 25,000-ton Empress of Scotland, in which once the Prince of Wales travelled, is inevitable, following an outbreak which was discovered in the ship at Blyth early to-day.

Desperate attempts were made to prevent the flames reaching the oil fuel tanks, but late this afternoon these became involved, 300 tons of oil blazing up. Nearly every plate on the port side of the ship was red-hot.

Several fire brigades and every available boat equipped with fire appliances fought the flames. The boats were marshalled into a long line 30 yards from the liner. As the tide receded sand was drawn up from the river by the pumps, clogging the fire engine.

Was to be Broken Up.

The vessel, which was taken out of service last October, was at Blyth for breaking up. She arrived last week.

The few men who were on board—six belonging to the skeleton crew and two officials of the ship-breaking company—lost all their belongings in their dash for safety when the fire was discovered.

One of the men who escaped is Mr. J. Cutler, a donkeyman, of Portsmouth.

When daylight broke water was pouring out of every ventilator, and flames were leaping from all parts of the huge super-structure amidships, in which the first-class cabins, ballroom, winter garden, and lounges and navigating officer are situated. Clouds of smoke made approach to the vessel from the eastward difficult and hampered the work of the firemen who were climbing about on board wearing gas masks.

Oil tanks containing several hundred tons of fuel for the furnaces created an additional source of danger, and every effort was being made to prevent the flames reaching them.

The Blyth and Whitley and Monkseaton fire brigades, which reached the scene after traveling to North Blyth by way of Bedlington because of the difficulties and danger of transporting the heavy engines across the river by ferry, were joined by the Ashtonrigg contingent of the Durham and Northumberland Collieries Fire Brigade in fighting the flames from the north bank. Engines were throwing tons of water into the burning vessel from the shipbreaker's yard, while numerous jets were being directed from the Blyth Harbour Commissioner's vessels.

Two other fire floats were ordered by telephone from the Tyne.

At 10 o'clock the vessels on the river were instructed to stand off, and it was then seen that the vessel had a list to starboard.

HONG KONG TIDES.

The time used is Standard, or mean time of the meridian of 120 deg. E.; 00h. is midnight, 12hrs. is noon. The heights are referred to the datum of the largest scale Admiralty chart of the place and should be added to the depths given on the chart unless preceded by an asterisk (*), when they should be subtracted from the depths.

February 10 to 16, 1931.

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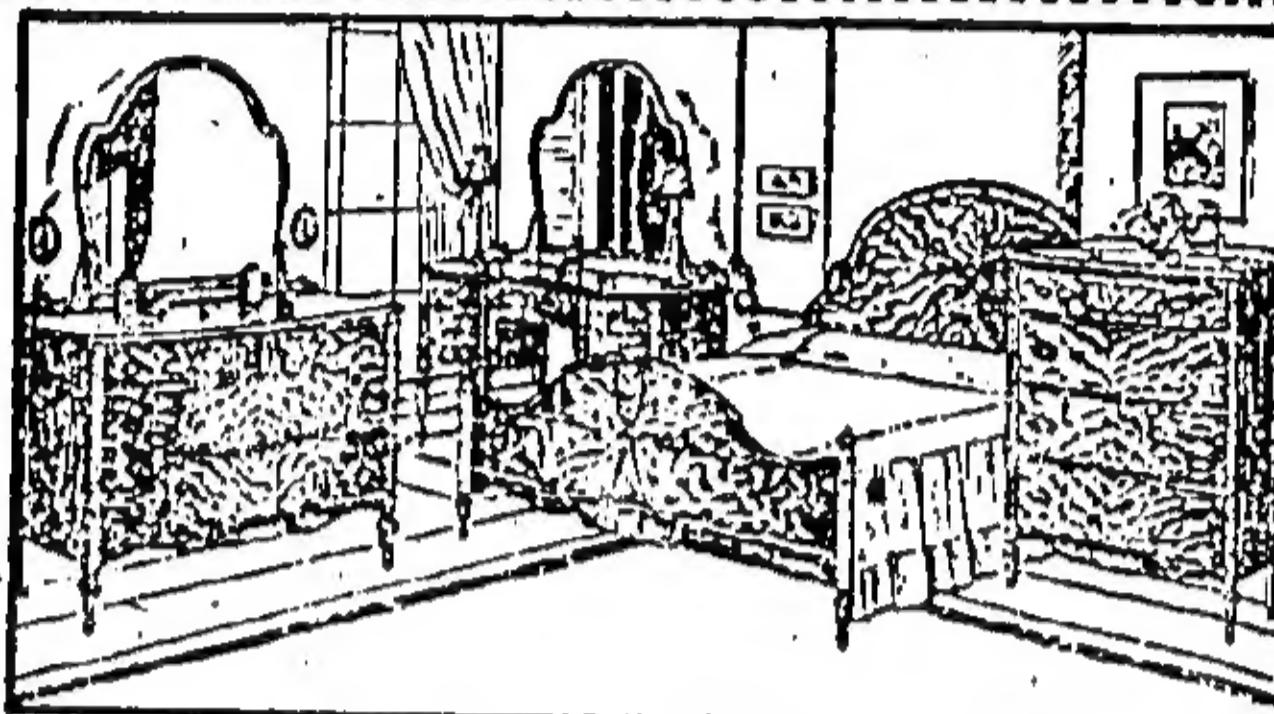
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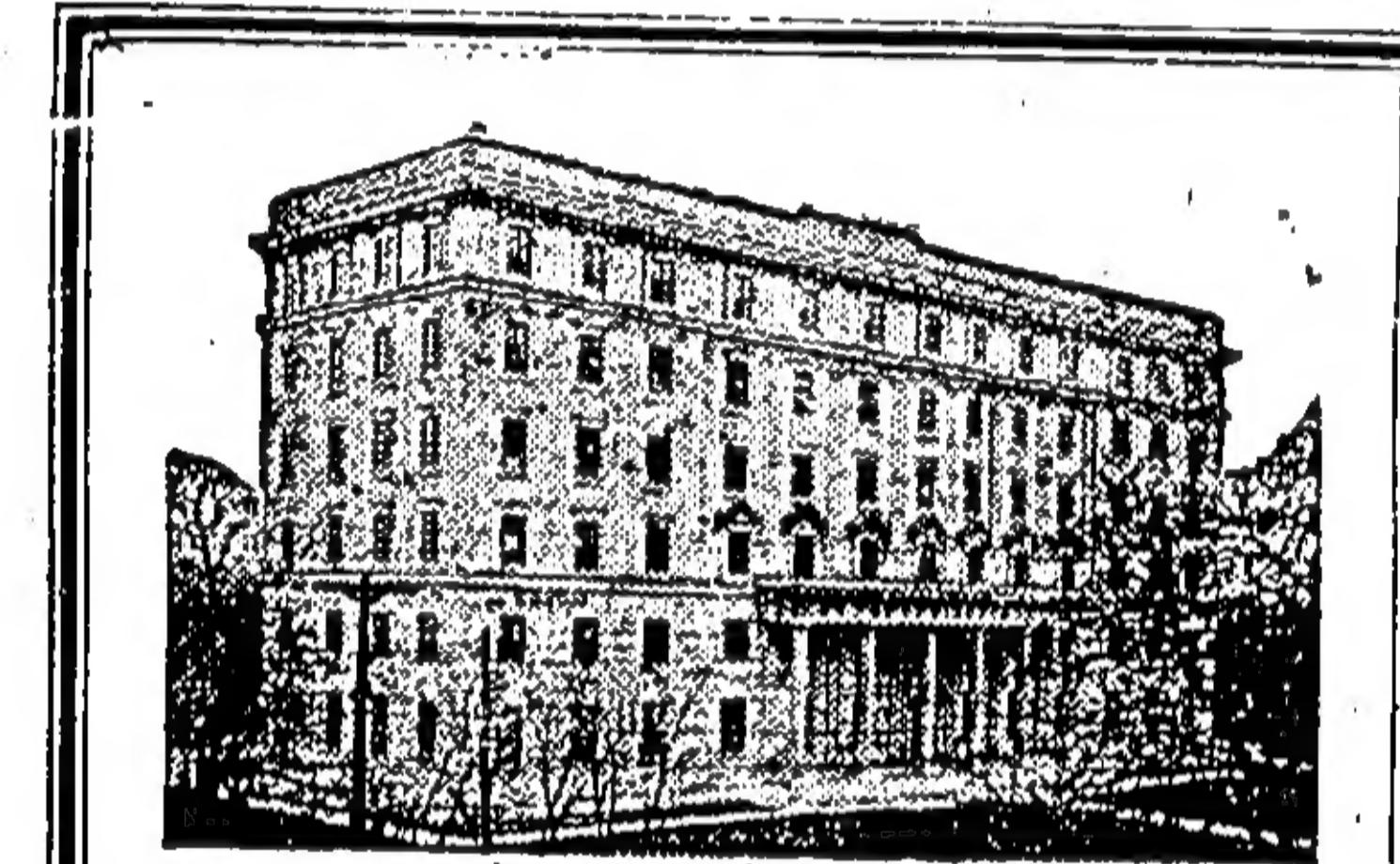
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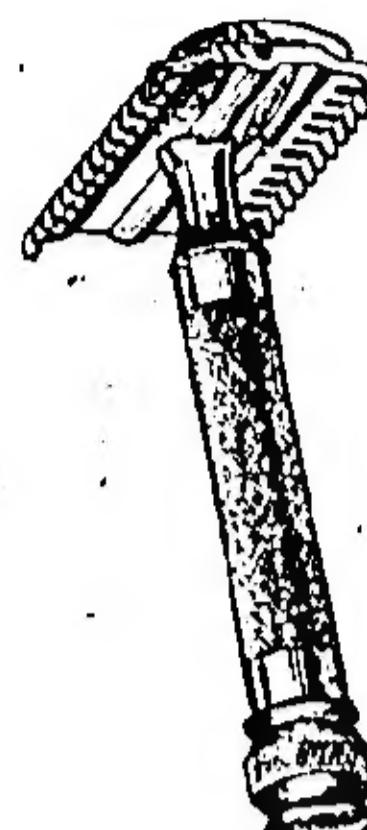
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News in Brief.

A review of the eleventh year of the League of Nations, written by Mr. Leslie R. Aldous, has been received by the *China Mail*.

The condition of the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall, LL.D., C.M.G., who is in the Canossian Hospital, shows a slight improvement to-day.

The forthcoming marriage is announced of Det.-Sergeant R. J. Clarke, attached to the Central Police Station, and Gladys McLenahan, of 2, Felix Villas.

Young Fong, a Chinese youth, was at the Kowloon Magistracy ordered to receive eight strokes for stealing nine planks of timber from a timber yard in Argyle Street.

The evidence for the prosecution closed yesterday in the Kowloon Court in the case in which Yeung Chi-chu and Li Fung-leung are being charged with having obtained \$3,500 from a widow, Choi Ngan, by means of a trick in October, 1928.

Missing from his home at 18, Lascar Row, first floor, for ten days, the body of King Tim (37), stated to be a fishmonger, was found washed up on the foreshore at Kennedy Town yesterday. The body was conveyed to the Public Mortuary.

Resulting from a kerosene explosion aboard a junk, anchored at Aberdeen, a boy, named Fung Man-fong (26) was yesterday removed to the Government Civil Hospital. He was so seriously injured that he died at 4 o'clock this morning.

Alleged to have stolen four panes of glass from a building in Yee Chau Street, Wong Man at the Kowloon Court to-day was sentenced to a month's imprisonment. He said that he went to look for firewood, and found the glass on the floor.

A verdict of "Accidental Death" was returned at the inquest on Li Pun, who died as a result of an accident at the Royal Naval Yard on January 2. The jury added a recommendation that an experienced member of the staff should always be present when hoisting operations were going on.

Wong Sang-lan, a married woman, was the victim of the notorious "bank note trick" last night, when she was stopped by a man whilst walking in Queen's Road Central. He stated that he had picked up the usual roll of bank notes aboard a ship, and, by this means, induced the woman to part with jewellery to the value of \$218.

The London correspondent of the Singapore Free Press wrote on January 1:—Presumably after the New Year Sir Cecil Clementi, who I think still in Oxfordshire, will come to London to take up with the Colonial Office the different problems affecting his Overseas charge. He has not yet called at the Agency, though I think he has once been to Downing Street.

'A WEEK'S DISEASES.'

The official return of diseases and deaths during the week ended February 7 is as follows:—

	Cases	Deaths
Diphtheria	2	—
Enteric fever	2	—
Cerebro-Spinal fever	2	2
Tuberculosis	—	40

Summary To February 7.

The returns from January 1 to February give the following figure:

	Cases	Deaths
Typhoid	25	3
Small-pox	1	—
Scarlet fever	2	—
Diphtheria	23	6
Cerebro-Spinal fever	4	2
Puerperal fever	2	—
Tuberculosis	—	278

Eight of the typhoid cases were non-Chinese, as were two scarlet fever cases, and nine diphtheria cases.

IN THE SOCIAL SWIM

by
AUDAX

There is no more interesting personality among the passengers on the world-cruiser Belgenland which is due in Hong Kong on Saturday than Her Royal Highness the Princess de Braganza, Duchess of Porto, and widow of the heir to Portugal's throne.

She is an American. Had fate been kinder, the right to rule in that ancient country might have been hers. Republicanism and death have dealt her hard blows. She is now a widow; Royal properties that are hers by succession have been sequestered.

Yet a turn in the kaleidoscope of European politics, a resurgence of pre-war conditions and the monarchial system, and she would yet see the people of Portugal pay her royal homage. Indeed, loyal Portuguese do that now.

Romance clings to the person of the Princess de Braganza, the kind of interest that should centre on her the interest of every woman in her native United States.

How did an American girl marry into the family that gave to Britain as its queen, Catherine of Braganza, with her dowry of the city of Bombay? How did an American school girl become a personage who, to-day, in spite of republicanism in Portugal, is met by consuls and ministers in Portugal's possessions, whenever she visits them, with all the deference due royalty?

It is a pretty story, that of the Princess de Braganza, the story of a shy American girl who, by her slim, blonde beauty, won the heart of a son of one of Europe's proudest royal families.

Nevada Hayes was the young American girl's name. A native of Florida, she came of a family well connected in England. Her father, a business man, had ambition for his daughters—he had four—and he sent Nevada, his favourite, to Europe to be educated, when she was 15. Lady Paget, a leader of British society, took the young girl under her protection, and saw that she had the best instruction that the Continent afforded.

Nevada Hayes was a striking girl—tall, graceful big-eyed and golden-haired. She matured young, and with all the virility and charm of a well-bred American with British antecedents.

Her education finished, she travelled extensively with her parents, through Europe. One of her journeys was a fateful one, for in it her footsteps were directed to the

CORRESPONDENCE.

"LUXURY."

To the Editor of "China Mail": Sir,—Whether the citizens of Hong Kong dance in honour of St. Andrew, St. George, or St. Patrick is immaterial! The point is that they have plenty of money to spend on pleasure!

For months these citizens have pleaded *Poverty*. Through the mouths of their representatives on the Legislative Council, and through the medium of the Press, *Poverty* has been the excuse given to exempt them from taxation. Paragraphs accusing the Government of "Squandermania" (under a cloak of comedy) were a daily feature of one newspaper.

And now at last the measure is passed which rids these citizens of their immediate dread of taxation—and what do we see? Within a few days we find them preparing to celebrate their escape, and demonstrating their spending capacity by yet another big public Festival!

The man who can afford a \$10 ticket for another "Luxury Ball" can afford to pay taxes! The men who can afford donations to a brand-new Society can likewise afford to pay taxes!

If he says he can't, he's a beg your pardon, Mr. Editor.—What I mean to say is that he exaggerated.

Nero fiddled while Rome was burning, and has been blamed for it ever since!

I hope there is no immediate fear of the Government going up in flames—but if it does we shall probably find the citizens of Hong Kong dancing jigs at the Helens May!

Yours, etc.,
JUSTICE BEFORE PLEASURE.
Hong Kong, Feb. 11.

Miss J. Mackie and Miss S. Browning, two members of the Flying Club, made their first solo flights yesterday. Both made a good take-off in seaplanes and flew for some time. Miss Mackie made a good return to the water, but Miss Browning alighted rather heavily, causing the undercarriage struts of her plane to be damaged. The young lady was not injured, but received a shaking. The plane was temporarily put out of commission,

HARD HIT.

EFFECT OF TARIFF ON LANCASHIRE.

London, Yesterday. In an address before the Manchester Chamber of Commerce, Mr. H. W. Lee, the retiring President, said the Government of China had hit Lancashire hard with last month's tariff increases.

He wished they could create confidence in trading quarters here by announcing that there would be no further increases for at least two years.—Reuter.

STRANDED SHIP.

EFFORTS TO REFLOAT KINZAN MARU.

No more news has been received in Hong Kong concerning the Japanese cargo steamer Kinzan Maru, which was last week stranded on some rocks off Okseki Island, near Amoy, whilst on a voyage from Tientsin to Hong Kong and Canton.

According to officials of the local office of the N.Y.K., agents for the Kinzan Maru, the vessel, as far as they knew, is still fast on the rocks, but they are satisfied that every endeavour is being made to refloat her.

The Kinzan Maru was enveloped in a thick fog when nearing Amoy and this was the cause of the stranding. She had on board at the time a cargo of beans, sugar and bamboo ware, as well as a small amount of general cargo. It is understood that the cargo has been removed and taken to Amoy in junks.

Ten Years Ago.

(From the "China Mail" of February 11, 1921.)

To-day's dollar is worth 2/5 %.

Mr. Burlingham, the A.S.P., is appointed to act as A.D.C. to the Governor.

The Kowloon Marathon Race, organised by the Men's Society of St. Andrew's Church, was won by A. Wolf, a newcomer to the Colony. Over a course of about 6½ miles, his time was 30 minutes 82 secs.

CENSUS OF THE COLONY.

WIDE FLUCTUATIONS OF POPULATION.

Objects of A Census.

It is difficult to write on the objects of a Census in Hong Kong as so many of the main objects are only attainable when we are dealing with a settled and established people. In Hong Kong there are wide fluctuations of population. To many the Colony is merely a convenient market for the commodity they have to sell; namely their labour; when trade is boom there is a flood of immigration which exceeds immediately trade ceases to expand, and when disturbances arise in the neighbouring provinces of China an influx again sets in to be drained away once more when conditions in China become more normal. There is a constant stream coming and going and the balance is sometimes one way and sometimes another.

It is proposed, therefore, to deal generally with the usual objects of a Census and then to see in what measure these objects are attainable in Hong Kong.

In Early Days.

In early days the principal objects of a census were merely either to ascertain the military strength of a nation or to assess taxes and adjust the rights and duties of the citizens. To-day the results of a census are of a much more varied character and they form the basis for many administrative, sociological, and other enquiries. Many questions affecting the political, economic, and social welfare of a community can only be answered through the existence of the census figures.

The principal object of Census-taking, and the one probably which is best understood and arouses the greatest measure of interest, is the

distribution and the characteristics of sex distribution in a country frequently react on various social phenomena such as morality, disposition to disease, manifestation of vice and crime etc. A classification according to sex is therefore of fundamental interest. It is equally obvious that the classification of occupations according to sex is of enormous social and economic importance.

In Hong Kong from early days the masculinity of the Chinese population has been high, owing to the custom of leaving a wife and children in "the country" when the wage-earner was attracted to Hong Kong by the higher wages obtainable there.

In the non-Chinese community also there was for many years a large preponderance of males compared with females. In both cases the proportion is now being reduced; living conditions are now favourable for European women and the Chinese appear to bring their families to greater extent and settle in Hong Kong. Thus in 1911 the proportion of females to males in the whole colony was only 542 per 1,000; in 1921 it had risen to 634.

Children v. Old People.

Now regards age it is important to know whether a community is normally or abnormally constituted, for example, whether it has an excessive number of children and old people. In Hong Kong registration of births is largely evaded by the Chinese, especially in the case of female births. Deaths, however, are always registered as registration is a necessary preliminary to burial. We cannot, therefore, obtain a proper birth rate, but we do obtain a fairly accurate death rate. The crude death rate (usually expressed as the number of deaths per 1,000 of the population) can be ascertained accurately only by the help of the Census, since during intercensal periods all estimates of rate have to be based on more or less imperfect estimates of population. Classification according to age-assists also in the interpretation of the crude death rate.

If the Census showed an abnormal constitution of the population with, for example, a proportionately large number of men and women over 70 or 80 years of age we would expect a higher death rate than if the Census showed a proportionately smaller number of the population who had passed the psalmist's span of life. Therefore, besides giving us the means of calculating these rates, the Census also makes possible their proper interpretation.

School Accommodation.

Other matters also depend upon a knowledge of the ages of persons. It is desirable to know the number of children for whom school accommodation should be provided in the future and whether the present number of schools is another matter in which a census needed to give the Government some knowledge of what will be required in future years.

Questions are also usually asked in Census enquiries relating to the literacy capacity of the people. The single test of literacy or illiteracy is rather crude, but the three questions that it is proposed to ask in Hong Kong (1) Can you read and write your own language; (2) Can you read and write English; (3) Can you speak English well, it is hoped, furnish us with a rough idea of the efficiency of our educational machinery.

Occupations.

The classification of the people according to occupation is obviously of fundamental importance and a comparison with a similar classification made at preceding Censuses provides us with the material for a review of the Colony's industry.

In general, then, it may be said that the whole machinery of administrative government involving, as it does, provision for transport and communication, for Police and other protection and for many other requirements of the community, has necessarily to be based upon an accurate knowledge of the extent and distribution of the population.

Males v. Females.

Large differences between the number of males and females affect generally the economic condition of the community; they affect the number of marriages, and the natural increase of the popula-

tion.

Population falls into natural groups according to sex and age and although the distribution according to conjugal condition (i.e. whether single, married, widowed, or divorced) does not depend on natural causes but on the social institution of marriage, this institution is so well established that this classification is comparable in importance to classification according to sex and age.

KONGMOON NOTES.

NEW CIVIL AIR SERVICE TO SHEKKI.

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Kongmoon, Yesterday.

It has been officially confirmed that Mr. Tong Shu-yeo has been appointed as the Magistrate of the Chung Shan district and concurrently Chairman of the Chung Shan Legislative Council. A telegram has been sent to Mr. Tong in Shanghai, persuading him to return and take up the new posts. The

Chung Shan district is a model district and independent of the Kwong Tung Government.

The proposal of a Civil air service between Kongmoon and Shekki will be in force in the very near future. It is planned that on every odd day, a plane will start from Shekki to Kongmoon and stop at Tong-kah Wan for the night. The plane will start again next morning to Kongmoon to pick up cargo and passengers and thence return to Shekki via Canton. The fares will be \$12 from Kongmoon to Canton, and \$15 from Canton to Tong-kah Wan for each passenger.

CYCLES OF TRADE DEPRESSION.

The Gold Monetary Supply.

CONTROVERSIAL SUBJECT.

Professor R. Robertson, M.A., addressing members of the Rotary Club at their weekly tiffin yesterday, took as his subject that of "Gold and Trade Depression." He stated at the outset that he had carefully refrained from calling it "Monetary Systems and Trade Depression," lest he should be asked questions at its conclusion about the Hong Kong dollar.

The whole subject was a highly controversial one. He had been much impressed with the diversity of opinion on the matter. Economists had become used to the so-called industrial cycles as inevitable. They were probably, though not wholly, connected with the monetary system. The interesting question therefore arose as to how far the monetary system could be held responsible for changes both of short period and long period in price levels, and the concurring changes in industry.

In America.

Professor Robertson described the American banking system, where the difference in legal reserves made publication compulsory of separate forms for time deposits and demand deposits.

The question had arisen as to whether the maintenance of a minimum proportion of liabilities is a good thing. Professor J. M. King, in his latest book, had found that the chief factor in the industrial cycle is due to mismanagement of the banking system.

Gold as a Medium.

Was gold, too, likely to prove the most suitable medium, in the long run for the world monetary system? There was a greatly expanding population to expect in future, and a fall in gold production had been forecast. The discoveries of new gold fields seemed essential.

If gold were not to be had sufficiently to carry on the monetary system, there would have to be some form of action by an international conference. The nucleus of such a body might be found in the International Bank set up under the Young Plan. (Applause).

REPLY TO GANDHI.

POLICE ATTITUDE SAID TO HAVE BEEN GOOD.

LET BYGONES BE BYGONES.

New Delhi, Yesterday.

According to the Allahabad correspondent of the Hindustan Times, the Viceroy's reply to Gandhi's letter of February 4 holds that the requested enquiry into alleged police excesses is undesirable at present. The police attitude has generally been exceptionally good. Congress volunteers in many places have not abided by Congress injunctions for strict non-violence, and the best course now is to let bygones be bygones.

Lord Irwin complains that Congress has not helped to create a peaceful atmosphere, and points out that proceedings on Independence Day, January 25, when the Garwals were congratulated, were an incitement meeting.

New Delhi, Later.

The inauguration of New Delhi began with the unveiling of four columns, a gift by the four great Dominions of the Empire. Lord Irwin made a speech before a large and distinguished gathering in which he expressed the deep gratitude of India to the Dominions for their generosity and goodwill, and prayed that the columns would forever symbolise the unity of the Empire.—Reuter.

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By Order,

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Hong Kong, February 11, 1931.

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS.

To-day—Tea Dance at Hong Kong Hotel, 4.30 p.m.

To-day—Dinner Dances at Peninsula and Repulse Bay Hotels, 8 p.m.

February 21—Interport Football dinner, Peninsula Hotel roof garden, 8 p.m.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

To-day—Queen's Theatre, "Song of My Heart."

To-day—Central Theatre, "The Battle of Paris."

To-day—Majestic Theatre, "Innocents of Paris."

To-day—Star Theatre, "Popular Sin."

To-day—World Theatre, "A Robber's Idyll," (Chinese picture).

HOME MAILS.

To-morrow—Inward from Europe via Siberia (Glennapp); Outward for Europe via Victoria B.C., 5 p.m., and Europe via Siberia, 6 p.m. (Hikawa Maru).

SPORTS.

See Diary on page 8.

MEETINGS.

To-morrow—Annual meeting of "Star" Ferry Company Ltd., Jardine Matheson's Office, 12.30 p.m.

March 5—Annual meeting of H.K. Canton & Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd., Queen's Building, 11 a.m.

LAMMERTS' AUCTION.

Friday—At Sales Room, Duddell Street, household furniture, 2.30 p.m.

MISCELLANEOUS.

To-morrow—French Convent School prize distribution, 4 p.m.

Friday—Dinner to British Mission, Hong Kong Hotel roof garden.

Friday—Concert, Helena May Institute, 9 p.m.

February 19—Entries close for Horticultural Society's Annual Show of Flowers and Vegetables, noon.

February 25—Horticultural Society's Annual Show of Flowers and Vegetables, City Hall.

KING'S AUNT.

MAKING VERY GOOD RECOVERY.

Rugby. Yesterday.

The King and Queen returned to London to-day from Sandringham and one of their first acts was to visit Princess Beatrice at Kensington Palace. The Princess had a very restful night and is making satisfactory recovery from a severe attack of bronchitis.—British Wireless Service.

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OIL PROSPECTING.

NO MONEY AVAILABLE IN AUSTRALIA.

Canberra, Yesterday.

The Federal Government's deficit for the last seven months is \$11,487,000.

Mr. Blamey, the Minister for Home Affairs, has announced that in view of the financial stringency, no money will be available to subsidise oil prospecting.—Reuter.

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SCOTTISH CUP REPLAY.

St. Mirren and Clyde
Meet for Third Time.

PAISLEY'S VICTORY.

In the second round of the Scottish Cup St. Mirren and Clyde met for the third time yesterday and even then extra time had to be played before St. Mirren secured the victory by a couple of goals margin.

Result as cabled by Reuter:

St. Mirren 3 Clyde 1

The revised draw is as under:

Cowdenbeath or King's Park or St. Johnstone v. St. Bernard's

No'ness v. Ayr United

Third Lanark v. Arbroath

St. Mirren v. Falkirk

Montrose v. Kilmarnock

Dundee v. Aberdeen

Hibernians v. Motherwell

Morton v. Celtic

Ties to be played on Saturday,

February 14.

Scottish League.

In the Scottish League Partick Thistle played the Hibernians at Firhill Park, Glasgow, and won by the only goal scored. They are now level with Rangers at third place on the table, but have an inferior goal average.

Result:

Partick T. 1 Hibernians 0

Revised Table

P. W. D. I. E. A. Pts.

Motherwell ... 27 17 6 4 73 42 49

Celtic ... 24 18 4 5 61 31 39

Rangers ... 23 16 4 5 59 21 38

Partick ... 27 17 2 8 57 32 39

Hamilton ... 27 15 3 9 49 32 33

Hearts ... 26 14 3 9 63 46 31

Hibernians ... 26 11 3 9 51 32 21

Aberdeen ... 29 12 4 12 55 50 28

St. Mirren ... 26 11 5 10 42 43 27

Cowdenbeath ... 27 11 5 11 37 43 27

Airdrie ... 26 12 3 11 40 47 27

Kilmarnock ... 27 11 2 14 44 50 24

Morton ... 20 10 4 12 44 59 24

Clyde ... 26 9 4 13 44 50 24

Queen's Park ... 24 8 5 11 44 45 21

Leith ... 23 6 9 13 38 60 21

Falkirk ... 26 9 2 15 53 65 29

Hibernians ... 28 7 5 15 37 61 19

Ayr ... 25 3 7 15 32 63 13

East Fife ... 28 3 4 21 31 65 10

TO-DAY'S SOCCER TRIAL GAME.

Fifteen Players from
Shanghai.

SHIELD COMPETITION.

The final Interport Association Football trial will be played on the Club ground to-day at 4.30 p.m. when the Probable team will be in opposition to strong Naval eleven.

The Probables are as follow:—

Clarke, Li Tin-sang, Henderson, Healey, Eynon, Lam Yee-ying, B. Goss, Soggin, A. Gossan, Fung King-cheung and Ip Pak-wai.

If it is considered necessary, changes will be made at half-time. At the conclusion of to-day's game the selection of the Hong Kong team will be made.

The Fifteen Shanghai Players.

The visiting Shanghai side for the Interport game on Wednesday, February 18, will be selected from the following fifteen players who are making the trip to Hong Kong.

Chom (Loh Hwa), Monroe (S.F.C.), Martin (Police), Stokes (S.F.C.), Pote-Hunt (S.F.C.), Gash (Police), Costa (G.L.), Elliot (S.P.C.), H. Collaco (G.L.), Sinclair (G.I.), Widmore (G.H.), Graham (G.I.), Murphy (G.H.), Vance (R.A.S.C.) and Gutteridge (C.L.).

Draw for Shield Competition.

The following is the draw for the Shield Competition as made out at the Council meeting of the Football Association. The matches will be played on March 7:—

Senior Shield.

Club v. Kowloon F.C.—Club ground.

St. Joseph's v. Borderers—Kowloon ground.

R.A. F. Club v. Rerello—Sookunpo ground.

South China A.A. v. Navy—Caroline Hill ground.

Junior Shield.

Club v. Borderers—Club ground.

South China A.A. v. Navy—Caroline Hill ground.

St. Joseph's v. Eastern—Kowloon ground.

Ewe v. Kowloon F.C.—Sookunpo ground.

**POLICE INTERPORT
GAMES.**

Shanghai Members Will
Visit Colony.

OUR REVENGE?

Seventeen members of the

Shanghai Police Force are due to

arrive in the Colony on March 10,

to participate in Interport games

with members of the Hong Kong

Police Force. The programme of

games will include association

football, golf, shooting, and

billiards. If time permits (the

visitors' stay being limited to

eight days) there will also be tenis

and lawn bowls matches.

This is a return visit. Hong

Kong having journeyed to the

Northern two years ago, when

Shanghai triumphed victorious. In

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there will be a tie.

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POST OFFICE NOTICE.

INWARD MAILS

Wednesday, February 11.	Tjilaboe.
Java and Manila	
Thursday, February 12.	
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London, Jan. 17)	Glenapp
Manila	Empress of Canada
Friday, February 13.	
Shanghai and Amoy	Kanchow
Japan, Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London, Jan. 22)	Kashgar
U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai (Seattle, January 24)	Pres. Grant.
Europe via Suez (Letters and Papers, London, Jan. 15 and Parcels Jan. 8)	Khyber
Australia and Manila	Changte
Saturday, February 14.	
Shanghai and Swatow	Sunning
Sunday, February 15.	Tjisondari
Shanghai and Amoy	U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, January 22)
Tuesday, February 17.	Taiyo Maru
Japan and Shanghai	Porthos.
Friday, February 20.	Yasukuni Maru
Saturday, February 21.	
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, Jan. 23)	President Monroe
Monday, February 23.	
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver, B.C., Jan. 31)	Empress of Russia

OUTWARD MAILS

Wednesday, February 11.	Greystoke Castle	3.30 p.m.	
Amoy	Talyuan	3.30 p.m.	
Samshui & Wuchow	Fook On	4 p.m.	
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America and *Europe via Victoria, B.C.	Hikawa Maru (Due Victoria, P.C., Mar. 4.) Registration Feb. 11, 4.15 p.m. Letters 5 p.m.		
Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia	Hikawa Maru Registration ... Feb. 11, 5 p.m. Letters 6 p.m.		
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Deli Maru	5 p.m.	
Thursday, February 12.	Glenapp	10.30 a.m.	
*Hoehow and Bangkok	Kwei Yang	10.30 a.m.	
Hoehow, Pakhoi and Halphong	King Yuan	10.30 a.m.	
Swatow	Hydransea	3 p.m.	
Friday, February 13.	G.G. Maurice Long	8.30 a.m.	
Haiphong	Mau Sang	10.30 a.m.	
Sandakan	Hai Ning	2 p.m.	
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles	Kashgar (Due Marseilles, March 14.)		
K.P.O.	G.P.O.		
Parcels	Feb. 13, 4.30 p.m.	Parcels	Feb. 13, 5 p.m.
Registration	Feb. 14, 9 a.m.	Registration	Feb. 14, 9.45 a.m.
Letters	10 a.m.	Letters	10.30 a.m.
Japan	Khyber	5 p.m.	
Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia	Khyber Registration ... Feb. 13, 5 p.m. Letters 6 p.m.		
Saturday, February 14.	Mau Sang	10 a.m.	
Sunday, February 15.	Canton Maru	9 a.m.	
Monday, February 16.	Kwangchow	3.30 a.m.	
Bangkok	Changte		
Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island	(Due Thursday Island, Feb. 27.) Parcels	9 a.m.	
Sandakan	Registration	9.15 a.m.	
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Letters	10.30 a.m.	
Amoy	Tjilaboe	10 a.m.	
*Straits and Calcutta	Yuen Sang		
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles	Parcels	Feb. 16, Noon	
K.P.O.	Patroclus	1 p.m.	
Registration	(Due Marseilles, Mar. 18.)	G.P.O.	
Letters	Feb. 16, 1 p.m.	Registration	Feb. 16, 1.45 p.m.
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and *Europe via Victoria, B.C.	Letters	2.30 p.m.	
President Jefferson			
(Due Victoria, P.C., Mar. 6.)			
Parcels	Feb. 16, 3 p.m.	Registration	4.15 p.m.
Registration	4.15 p.m.	Letters	5 p.m.
President Jefferson		President Jefferson	
(Due Victoria, P.C., Mar. 6.)		Registration	Feb. 16, 5 p.m.
Letters	6 p.m.	Letters	6 p.m.
Saigon, *Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and *Europe via Marseilles	Porthos (Due Marseilles, March 20.)		
Ship sails on Chinese New Year's Day, Feb. 17 at 3 p.m.			
K.P.O.	G.P.O.		
Registration	Feb. 16, 4.30 p.m.	Registration	Feb. 16, 5 p.m.
Letters	4.30 p.m.	Letters	6 p.m.
Amoy	Sui Yang	5 p.m.	
Manila & Java via Sourabaya	Tjisondari	5 p.m.	
Swatow and Foochow	Cheong Shing	5 p.m.	

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London, Dec. 18. Almost every inhabitant of Britain is liable to receive a summons next week, following the "crimes" the whole country is sure to perpetrate this Sunday!

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Officials of the league stated yesterday that prominent public officials throughout the country will be summoned under the Acts, which prohibit everything from Sunday golf to buying a Sunday newspaper.

No Bear-Baiting!

The Daily Express legal correspondents writes that some of the prohibitions still in force are:

There shall be no meetings, assemblies or concourse of people out of their own parishes on the Lord's day for any sport or pastimes whatsoever. Nor any bear-baiting, bull-baiting, interludes, common plays, or other unlawful exercises or pastimes used by any person or persons within their own parishes.

No carrier with a horse, or waggon man with a waggon, or carman with a cart, or drover with any cattle may travel upon the Lord's Day.

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No methylated spirit may be sold between 10 a.m. on Saturday and 3 a.m. on the following Monday.

No meeting of any corporation, ecclesiastical or civil or of any public company may be held on a Sunday, and any business done theretofore is void.

No one may sell milk between 3 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Sundays.

No tradesman, artificer, workman, labourer, or other person whatsoever may do or exercise any wordy labour, business, or work of their ordinary callings upon the Lord's Day, or any part thereof (work of necessity and charity excepted).

Ye bakers, butchers, confectioners, tobacconists, and all other tradesmen and workmen who carry on your ordinary trade of buying or selling goods and cobblers and all their workmen who work on a Sunday at your ordinary trade are liable to penalties.

The dressing or selling of meat in inns, cook's shops, or victualling houses is forbidden, except it be for such as otherwise cannot be provided.

No person may publicly cry, show forth, or expose to sale any wares, merchandises, fruit, herbs, goods or chattels whatsoever upon the Lord's Day upon pain that every person so offending shall forfeit the same goods so cried or showed forth or exposed to sale.

Any person who buys anything on a Sunday which he knows it is forbidden to sell, such as sweets, ice-cream, tobacco, refreshments, may be convicted of aiding and abetting the principal offender.

The penalties vary. You may be fined 5s. for each offence—and you may be put in the stocks.

WOMAN PLANS SUNDAY BOXING.

The Ring Controller To Defy Ban.

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FORTY STUDENTS DIE OF FOOD POISONING.

Theory of Snake in Soup.

HOSTEL TRAGEDY.

London, Dec. 18. Forty-three boys of the London Mission Boarding House at Erode, Coimbatore District, have died and as many more are ill in hospital from eating some poisonous substance with their evening meal (says The Statesman).

It is believed in the Coimbatore district that a snake fell into the food and was cooked with it.

Doctors battled in vain with the poison, which caused the sufferers intense pain.

Students Collapse.

According to reports, ten of the boarders collapsed after supper and others became ill during the night, when a number of deaths occurred.

The death-roll is estimated at 43 and about 30 boys are lying in a precarious condition in hospital.

The cook belonging to the hostel is reported to be among the dead.

Two theories of the occurrence are put forward, first that the boys died of cholera; secondly, that a poisonous snake resembling the deadly aranae fell into the soup and was cooked with it. One of the missionaries stated that he was inclined to believe the latter version, as the teaching section of the hostel felt no ill effects.

The water used at the meal was taken from a well and is being examined. Many of the remaining students have dispersed to their villages, but steps are being taken to watch for signs of infection.

The strength of the poison may be gauged from the fact that, though medical assistance was at once obtained from the adjoining hospital, the doctors were powerless to relieve the agony of the sufferers.

MR. W. C. FORBES.

ARRIVAL IN MANILA OF U.S. AMBASSADOR.

Manila, Yesterday. The guns of old Fort Santiago roared a salute of welcome to Ambassador W. Cameron Forbes and his party on their arrival here on board the Empress of Canada this morning.

The party was received at the pier by an official delegation headed by Sr. Honorio Ventura, Secretary of the Interior, and a guard of honour.

Governor-General Dwight Davis and his daughter, Miss Cynthia Davis, and Mr. Dwight Davis, Jun., welcomed the party to Manila.

An elaborate programme of entertainment has been prepared by the Polo Club (of which Mr. Forbes was the founder) for the distinguished visitors, and polo matches and a gymkhana are being arranged in their honour.

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UNINSURED MOTORIST.

Insurance Should Be Compulsory.

An inquest was held at Salford on William Henry Abraham (17), of Walmer Street, Salford, who, when cycling came into collision with a motor-car which had turned to the off side to pass a tram-car on a loop line at Hindley, receiving injuries from which he died. The driver of the car, Joseph Sherry (20), of Shaw, said he had driven for only two months and had not taken out a policy of insurance.

A verdict of accidental death was returned, and the Coroner, Mr. Howard Flint, in consoling the driver at the jury's request, said, "I have wondered why legislation was not passed years ago to make insurance compulsory on the part of all road users. I have often found that cyclists and motorists have been clearly to blame for inflicting serious injury upon pedestrians, yet they have been in impudent circumstances, and there has been considerable loss to the persons injured through no fault of their own."

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GIRLS IN CHAINS.

Herr Max Gruehl, who has returned to Berlin from his Ethiopian expedition, relates, in the German newspaper *Zwölf Uhr Blatt*, that notwithstanding all the efforts of the League of Nations, hundreds of slaves, especially slave girls, are transported annually across the Strait by Bab-el-Mandeb to Arabia.

He asserts that most of the "goods" are obtained from the southern and south-western districts of Abyssinia, from the territories of Galla and of Schankalla, and that it is the especially gazelle-like, light-brown Galla girls who are most highly esteemed as "wives" in Arabia and beyond.

These regions are far distant from the central Government of Abyssinia, and as communications are so extremely difficult, the slave-dealers can hardly be checked. In the Province of Mudsieh, inhabited by Schankalla Negroes, Herr Gruehl declares, raids are made on the villages, and every living person is carried off in chains. These poor creatures are forced to march painfully through the virgin forests to the coast, whence they are transported under cover of darkness in dhows to Arabia. Lightly bound Galla girls, on the other hand, are bought in their early youth by Arabian slave-traders, are collected in depots, and finally removed to Arabia.

Chance Witness.

Herr Gruehl reports that during a long caravan journey through the Sadero, a virgin forest in Southern Abyssinia, he was the chance witness of terrible scenes. He states: "For hours we had fought our way through darkness and the fearful morass of the forest where hardly a path could be discovered when we met what we thought was a drove of animals. But, incredible as it sounds, it was a drove of men and women, chained together, naked, except for a mere rag that hardly served as a fig leaf, holding naked children by the hand or carrying them on their backs, and forced onwards through the clinging morass by merciless drivers."

The explorer had the opportunity of observing closely the slaves in some of these droves, and found that all their senses were deadened. He noticed a mark on the right arm and between the breasts of the girls, and in conversation with the women he learned that it was their master's mark, which had been burnt into their skin with a hot iron.

In Galla-land, Herr Gruehl had a conversation with an intelligent slave-dealer, who gave the following apology of the "necessity" for the slave trade:—

"Arabia has a sparse population. We Arabians would soon become extinct by inbreeding if we could not obtain fresh blood from abroad, mainly from Africa. No women come willingly to our country, so we must obtain our wives by purchase. But girls have a much better life among us than they would ever have in their own homes."

"Slaves, too, we must have, for no workman comes of his own accord into our country."

"Pilgrim Slaves."

Lady Simon, who returned recently from a week's anti-slavery lecturing campaign in Scotland and elsewhere said, in an interview that, in part, the revelations of Max Gruehl were corroborated by M. Kessel and the members of the mission which was sent out by "Le Matin" early this year to tour Abyssinia with the object of investigating slavery in those parts of the world. The information obtained by the mission had created a sense of horror at the methods of trading in slaves which was going on there.

"The Anti-Slavery Society in this country," said Lady Simon, "was receiving more and more information about the matter. It is only necessary to inform the public, who really are not aware of what is going on, to arouse their indignation. I discovered this in my lectures in Scotland during the past week. Public interest is growing more and more; in fact, I am booked up with meetings until next March which demonstrates the increasing attention which is being given to the subject."

Lady Simon, who has written extensively as well as lectured on anti-slavery, stated that despite Conventions which had been ratified by nations which were members of the League of Nations, the slave trade was carried on extensively in Abyssinia and adjacent countries.

Children Sold.

M. Kessel had had a good deal to say upon the question: "One method adopted by the traders was to take slaves in as pilgrims; but they never returned to their native lands. Sometimes families which visited the Holy City sold their children in order to pay their return fare home. The sale and the

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 865 metres:—

5.7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
6.630 p.m.—Chinese Children's Programme.

7.10.30 p.m.—European Programme of Victor & H.M.V. Records kindly supplied by Messrs. S. Moutrie & Co.

7.7.35 p.m.—Variety.
Orchestral—

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The Birth of the Blues, The Revellers (2011).

Talking—

Bulding a Chicken House, Will Evans (3317).

Humorous Song—

More Than You-Know, Helen Morgan (22149).

Saxophone Solo—

In the Orient, Rudy Wiedoeft (20086).

Vocal Trio—

Just a Little Ring, Barakli Trio (2830).

Humorous Song—

There is Nothing Over Sixpence in the Store, Ernest Hastings (2481).

Banjo Solo—

Frivolous Joe, Mario De Pietro (2820).

7.35-7.55 p.m.—Orchestral.

Amazon's Ride (Ritter), Entry of the Gladiators (Fück), Mandoline Concert Society Orchestra (3344).

A Little Love a Little Kiss (Ross-Silesius), Victor Salou Orchestra (20259).

Siegfried—Forest Murmurs (Waldweiben & Wagner), Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra (7192).

7.55-8.05 p.m.—Organ Solos.

Storm (Meale), Arthur Menie (21223).

Bells Across the Meadow (Ketelby), Serenade (Drigo), Reginald Foort (2444).

8.05-8.25 p.m.—Musical Comedies.

The Three Musketeers—Vocal Gems, Silver Wings—Vocal Gems, Light Opera Co. (1890).

8.25-9.25 p.m.—Concert Items.

Band—

In a Persian Market (Ketelby), Raymond Overture, (Thomas arr. Godfrey), The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards (1440).

Song—

Russian Nightingale Song (Alabioff), Madame Amelita Galli-Curci Soprano (1440).

Piano Solo—

Variations on Themes from Carmen (Bizet-Horowitz), Mausika in C Sharp Minor (Chopin), Vladimir Horowitz (1327).

Song—

Song of Momus to Mars (Boyes), John Gross, Baritone (2942).

Cello Solo—

Musette (Bach-Pollini), Pablo Casals (1349).

Song—

A Danjo Song (Weeden & Homer), Louise Homer, Contralto (1295).

Guitar Solo—

Prelude and Allemande (Bach), Andres Segovia (7176).

Song—

The Gay Highway (Drummond), Peter Dawson, Bass-Baritone (2297).

Piano Solo—

On the Banks of the Danube (Kurucz) ... John Kurucz (12).

Song—

Beau Soir, Mary Garden, Soprano (1439).

Violin Solo—

Roses of Picardy (Weatherly & Wood), René Chemet (1291).

Song—

The Song of the Kettle (Anthony), Peter Dawson, Bass-Baritons (352).

9 p.m.—Weather Report, Local Time, etc.

9.25-10.30 p.m.—Beethoven's 9th Symphony. These Records have been kindly loaned by a Listener.

10.30 p.m.—Close Down.

DUTCH FIRST.

STRAITS PRESSMAN HAS A COMPLAINT.

London, Yesterday.

Major Astor has been re-elected Chairman at the twenty-first annual meeting of the Empire Press Union.

A Singapore delegate complained of the backwardness of British wireless telephony in the East, compared with what the Dutch are doing.—Reuters.

Purchases were scarcely camouflaged. M. Kessel had the interesting experience of being invited to sell his own two black servants, and when the trader found there was no business to be done in this direction, he offered to sell him two Javanese girls.

Lady Simon added that during her anti-slavery campaign she had frequently been asked: "Why, if Abyssinia countenances slavery, did the King permit his son (the Duke of Gloucester) to be present at the coronation celebrations of the Emperor Tafari of Ethiopia?"

"My reply to that," she said, "has been that a much more useful purpose is served by maintaining friendly relations with the country, and endeavouring to influence the Emperor and his administrators to the view that the practice of slavery is degrading and horrible, than by making him an enemy and outside the scope of friendly persuasion."

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SILVER AND THE DOLLAR.

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The most general topic of conversation at the moment is "The Dollar." Its meteoric descent in the course of the last fifteen months has caused the ordinary person to stand aghast and wonder what its ultimate fate is going to be. For varying reasons the people of Hong Kong enjoyed during the war and until recently very favourable currency conditions when other regions of greater economic importance were suffering very severely. As usual this state of affairs produced a feeling of optimism which has been prolonged in spite of the fact that the foundations for such optimism were being at first slowly and then almost catastrophically undermined and swept away.

In view of the present local situation, the publication of this booklet is most opportune and deserves the attention of all who wish to know something about the factors that have contributed to the present impasse.

Historical Position.

The booklet consists of a general introduction which very briefly considers the historical position of silver currency. Then follow three sections—Part I, dealing with the production factors; Part II, with consumption; and Part III, with values and Prospects. In other words the compiler considers first the supply side, then the demand side and, finally, discusses tentatively the future state of equilibrium. As the whole booklet has under 30 pages and there are seven pages of tabulated statistics and a full-page diagram, the whole can be read in an hour. But it will take much longer than that to get the full value of the facts presented.

Problem in Colony.

He presents his facts and lets them speak for themselves, although it is easy to see what his own point of view is and his solution of the problem. It must be noted that this publication considers only one of the many factors in the problem and, therefore, no sound conclusion can be reached on the data supplied here. The present condition of our local currency cannot, however, be understood without such facts as the compiler

gives. He shows that: "Silver, as mined, can be produced at 1/- per oz., and as a by-product of various base metals at under 1/- per oz." Since four-fifths of the silver produced is a by-product, it can be seen that the supply of silver can be maintained even at the present low price. The table on page 17 shows that by-product silver can be produced at 4/- per fine oz. What proportion can be produced at that price is not stated, but if we take the average of the figures given we get nearly 9d. per fine oz. The compiler estimates that 253 million oz. can be added annually to the market but leaves us in the dark about the price. We can only assume that he means "under 1/-".

We think that an overestimate (France and Britain cannot go on for ever demonetising their silver tokens, although India is said still to have huge quantities) and at 9d. the supply we think would be much less.

The compiler places the world net consumption at 216 million ozs and, therefore, concludes that "production exceeds consumption by 38 million ozs."

Consumption is not, however, constant irrespective of price, and may easily rise with the fall.

The only trouble is where the demand is to come from if silver is not wanted as currency.

He does not hold out much hope.

Consumption in arts and industries is very small relatively. We can not await new inventions.

Not a Safe Basis.

The general conclusion the compiler points to is that "silver, owing to its extreme fluctuations in terms of gold, is no longer a safe basis for a currency, or even for a means of barter by weight in a world that thinks in terms of gold only."

The moral seems to be "go gold," but it cannot be advocated until the same type of analysis has been undertaken for gold and until the gold price and the silver price of commodities have been compared (over a series of years). Perhaps the compiler could do this and put "the man in the street" in a better position to understand what is really happening.

It seems to us futile to try to disregard silver when by "mere international understanding" a ratio between gold and silver could be fixed and maintained without making confusion worse confounded by putting China on to gold.

However that may be, the booklet

is a real contribution to local discussion of the problem. Much light will be gained by a close scrutiny of the statistics which, although not consistent, seem the best available.

BRITISH MISSION IN CANTON.

Value of Co-operation with Hong Kong.

MUTUAL GOODWILL.

Canton, Yesterday. The members of the British Economic and Cotton Mission were entertained to a banquet at Government House on Tuesday at 9 p.m. Speeches were exchanged between Chairman Chan Ming-shu and Sir Ernest Thompson, the Chairman of the Mission. Sir Ernest Thompson responded on behalf of the Mission.

To-day the Chamber of Commerce also gave a luncheon to the members of the Mission and Mr. Herbert Phillips, the British Consul-General and members of the staff, together with the leading British merchants and members of the British Municipal Council of Shamneen.

Mr. Chow Tien-pang, Chairman of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, made a brief speech welcoming the members of the Mission.

Chamber Thanked.

The British Consul formally introduced Sir Ernest Thompson and the other members of the Mission to the merchant body and thanked the Chamber for the courtesy extended to the Mission.

Sir Ernest Thompson, in thanking the Chamber of Commerce for its hearty welcome both to himself and his colleagues, emphasized the importance of the closest co-operation between Canton and Hong Kong in their trade relations which, in his opinion, could greatly be developed by the manifestation of goodwill on both sides.

This evening the British Consul-General will hold a reception in honour of the members of the Mission, to which leading members of Shamneen and Chinese officials and merchants have been invited to meet the members.—Canton News-Agency.

The hearing was opened in the Central Police Court yesterday, of the case in which Lau Sau (Chinese Revenue Officer 51) is charged with having demanded, with menaces the sum of \$400, from a Chinese living at 1, McGregor Street, Wan Chai, where he had discovered a quantity of illicit opium. Another Chinese, also a Revenue Officer, was with defendant at the time, but has since absconded.

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